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A walk on the wild side

After many months of being closed, the restoration of the Minden Hills Boardwalk has been completed, and the path is open for pedestrian use once again. /EMILY STONEHOUSE Staff

Minden Hills defers decision to award strategic plan contract

by **JAMES MATTHEWS**
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Minden Hills' strategic corporate plan will bring the township to its idealized state by aiming to address identified objectives and goal.

Given the weight of such a document, the

township council decided during its regular meeting Sept. 14 that it's necessary to consider the finer points of what's requested and what the preferred contractor is offering.

Finance Director Greg Bedard said StrategyCorp should be given the contract to help establish the strategic plan at a cost of \$49,821 plus taxes.

"This is a visionary document that's go-

ing to provide council's goals, provide the community's goals, give staff some direction on what we want to accomplish in the short term, what we want to accomplish in the long term," he said. "And give us that stability."

Council decided to defer awarding the contract until a future meeting, after the proposal has been considered by councillors.

Council had earmarked \$50,000 in the

2023 municipal capital budget for a strategic plan. Bedard asked council to increase that amount to \$56,000 using administration reserve funds.

The project budget needs to be increased to cover for visual components of the plan, Bedard said.

"A corporate strategic plan is a guiding and see **MORE** page 2

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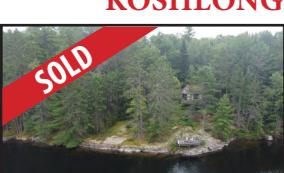
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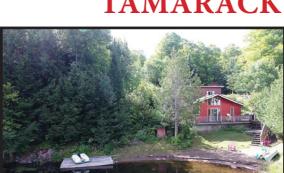
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Bring on the books!

Award-winning author Lawrence Hill sat down with HCPL CAO Chris Stephenson on Sept. 15 to kick off Bookapalooza with a "big book club"; an opportunity to discuss Hill's work, and the art of writing. /EMILY STONEHOUSE Staff



Sunny the dog smiles as he meets and greets visitors to promote a book about his friend, Smiley, who was born with the same eye condition as him. Sunny and his human, Joanne George, explained that they wrote the book to encourage kids to "see with their hearts, not their eyes." Sunny and Joanne were at Bookapalooza on Sept. 16.

More info sought on what contractor will deliver in strategic plan

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visionary document intended to take the township from its current state to its idealized state through the setting of goals, targets, and principles," Bedard wrote in a report to council.

"The establishment of overarching goals, set by council and based on the short-term and long-term vision of the township, will enable staff to set work plans to achieve the plan's objectives."

Councillor Tammy McKelvey said she'd indicated during the budget process that she felt council should have waited until it had a year under its belt before tackling a strategic corporate plan.

It's council strategic plan. She wouldn't want to be involved in the nuts and bolts of a request for proposal for the Scotch Line Landfill road or its fencing. But council should have a greater hand in the strategic plan.

"We haven't even been able to consider what this company is going to do," McKelvey said. "What are we getting? Are we having public meetings. Are we having council and senior staff only?"

"There's a lot of different ways to do a strategic plan and I can't just approve this without knowing what we're getting."

For something of the magnitude of a strategic plan, perhaps it would be best to interview the proponents of the top two proposals to decide who would be best to get the contract, she said.

Minden Hills' chief administrative officer position is currently vacant. McKelvey suggested there should be somebody in that role to participate in the strategic planning process.

"I personally am not prepared to accept this right now," she said.

"I feel we're putting the cart before the horse here, doing this before the asset management plan has been done," said Coun. Bob Sisson. "I think we should have the asset management plan first."

Mayor Bob Carter, who sits on the upper tier council with the deputy mayor, said Haliburton County's strategic planning is going ahead, but he isn't aware of the timeline.

He said the planning process is going ahead because of issues such as the municipal accommodation tax and the possible need to take a look at development fees for construction in the county.

"As far as this is concerned: Yes, I would like to get more information as to what, in fact, StrategyCorp is going to be delivering to us," Carter said.

And then, after a digression, Carter said: "I don't think it's putting the cart before the horse. We need a strategic plan."

There's a struggle at the county and municipal levels to provide for residents, Carter said. There are medical care needs, shortages in housing, and a shortfall in daycare spaces among so many other needs.

County council was recently updated by the economists hired to undertake a comprehensive review of future population projections and the household and employment growth potential to 2051.

"Looking at the demographics, we better be planning to take care of those or we're going to continuously fall behind," Carter said. "I think the idea of the strategic plan is very important to get done as quickly as possible."

Carter said he'd like to see what it was that StrategyCorp offered in its proposal.

"If we're going to spend \$56,000, I'd like to know what I'm buying," Carter said.

Forty-four and so much more ...

by EMILY STONEHOUSE
Editor

It's a staple in the downtown core, and has been for the past 44 years.

Located in the heart of Minden, the iconic Riverview Furniture has taken on a slightly different look these days. "It was an investment," said Craig Box, who co-owns the business with his brother, Derrick, "but it looks a lot better."

Once a weathered building showing its age, the brothers opted to hire Kody and Kolt Smith to do the facelift, creating an exterior that matches the offerings inside. Currently, the finishing touches on the new siding, shingles, and landscaping are being completed, with the grand reveal slated for their anniversary on Sept. 19, which also coincides with one of their major sales of the year.

Craig and Derrick moved to Minden from Scarborough in 1979, and promptly saw a need for a furniture store in the small community. "Minden Furniture was just closing down," said Craig, referencing that the owner was retiring, "so we saw an opportunity."

The brothers originally focused solely on upholstery, and ran the business out of a tiny 400 square foot building, which is now a residential abode in Minden. Yet as their services expanded, so did their need for space.

They now run Riverview out of a 7000 square foot building on Bobcaygeon Road, and that doesn't include their workshop, where they build a series of custom made products from Canadian wood. "Everything is built in our factory," shared Craig, "we like to say we're a one stop shop from floor to ceiling."

The building now has multiple storeys, as well as a second building next door, that

focuses solely on their bedroom furnishings. On top of their custom-made wooden furniture, they also focus on flooring, blinds, appliances, mattresses, and upholstered furniture.

When you walk into Riverview, you are immediately hit with the warm smells of pine, and a series of friendly faces ready to help with any questions you may have. While the building is vast, it carries an air of coziness that allows visitors to envision the locally-made furniture pieces in their own homes.

When asked what contributed to the success of 44 years in business, Derrick was quick to answer. "For us, customer service is huge," he said, "but I also think we have a big drive to keep it going, and to expand with the times."

For ten days over their anniversary on Sept. 19, Riverview will be holding a big sale, in which buyers save the HST. The owners also hope to use the sale as an opportunity for shoppers to check out the new appearance of the storefront, and learn a little more about what the business has to offer. "We have people come in all the time and say that they didn't know we do custom, even locals," chuckled Craig, noting that he wants to get the word out that their furniture is unique, personal, and high-quality.

Riverview Furniture is located at 94 Bobcaygeon Road, and is open seven days a week.

Brothers Derrick and Craig Box, the owners of Riverview Furniture, stand outside the newly renovated exterior of the building with store manager, Haley Lynch. The Minden staple is celebrating 44 years of business in the community. /EMILY STONEHOUSE Staff



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September 28- Regular Council Meeting

October 12- Regular Council Meeting

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CULTURAL CENTRE

Shifting Lens, a group exhibit featuring 15 artists from the Eastern Hub of the Ontario Society of Artists, will be on display until November 25, 2023, in the Agnes Jamieson Gallery. Admission is by donation. The Gallery is open Tuesday to Saturday from 10 am – 4 pm. Admission is by donation. For more information, please call 705-286-3763 or email culturalcentre@mindenhills.ca

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To recognize the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, the Minden Hills Cultural Centre and Haliburton County Public Library – Minden Branch are co-hosting a community screening of "We Were Children" (2012) on Thursday, September 28 at 5 pm. The film reveals the trauma and impact cause by the residential school system and is suitable for those 16 years of age and older. The Cultural Centre will also be sharing relevant information and resources on September 29 and 30. Admission is by donation. For more information, please call 705-286-3763 or email culturalcentre@mindenhills.ca

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How To Participate:

Snap a photo of you or family members testing your smoke alarms and post it to social media using the hashtag #SavedByTheBeep#Mindenhills.

The Minden Hills Fire Department urges all residents to participate in Ontario's first "Test Your Smoke Alarm Day" on September 28, 2023.

Please test your smoke alarms to protect yourself and your loved ones, and make sure they can truly be "Saved By The Beep"!

For more information on smoke alarm safety, please visit www.savedbythebeep.ca.

For more information contact the Minden Hills Fire Department

Population, job growth predicted for the County

by JAMES MATTHEWS
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Haliburton County's population growth doubled the provincial average over the last five years.

That's one of the details uncovered by economists looking into population and demographic trends in the county.

Jamie Cook, a managing partner at Watson and Associates Economists, provided an update on the review, which is conducted in the context of provincial and local policies, during county council's regular meeting Sept. 13.

Phase 1 of the comprehensive review (CR) update for Haliburton County examines future population, household and employment growth potential over a long-term planning horizon to 2051 within the context of provincial and local planning policy.

The results of the CR growth forecast will form a foundational document that will inform the update to the county's Development Charges Background Study (DCBS) currently underway, and the County's Official Plan update, which is anticipated to commence in the near term.

When they look at the long-term potential growth for a county like Haliburton, they typically look at the regional economy and trends for employment growth.

"Ultimately, that information really helps us understand what are some of the driving factors that are anticipated to influence growth in economic and employment over the long term and does that impact net migration trends going forward?" Cook said.

Net migration is a key driver of population growth.

Haliburton County has experienced "fairly moderate" population growth over the last two decades, he said.

"But in the last five years you can see a significant uptick in the overall population growth," he said.

The county had 2.9 per cent growth between 2016-21. That's compared to an overall rate of 1.5 per cent 2001-21.

"A three per cent growth rate is a very significant growth rate," Cook said. "It's about double the provincial average over that five-year period."

A lot of that growth came from people who previously lived seasonally in the county. Many of those people converted their seasonal housing such as cottages to year-round abodes.

That trend was accelerated by the COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent societal shutdowns.

Building activity in the county has been pretty steady over the last 15 years with an average of about 120 units each year, he said.

"We're expecting that building permit activity is going to stay fairly consistent with that long-term average over the forecast," Cook said.

Migration into Haliburton County has traditionally been of people from other parts of Ontario. Again, that was driven extensively recently by the pandemic.

According to the Ministry of Finance's growth forecast for the county, the population has increased pretty steadily since 2017, Cook said. It's forecasted to have grown by 1.1 per cent this year, compared to 0.8 per cent in 2017.

The provincial growth rate is about 1.5 per cent.

Watson and Associates have put the county's employment tally at a little more 10,000 jobs by 2051. That's a little more

than the about 3,000 jobs in 2006.

"The labour force is aging and that puts downward pressure on employment growth," Cook said.

Broader regional trends have shown that the economy and the labour force have largely recovered from the impacts of the pandemic, he said.

The regional economy is heavily concentrated in services-providing sectors. Regional economic growth related to goods-producing sectors such as manufacturing, construction and utilities has strengthened in recent years. However, labour and housing shortages have impeded economic potential.

Local employment is forecast to moderately increase from 6,900 in 2023 to 10,000 in 2051. The county's ratio of jobs to population is anticipated to continue to gradually decline due to the aging of the population and labour force.

Haliburton County's total permanent population is forecast to increase from 21,000 in 2021 to 31,000 by 2051.

The share of population within the county anticipated to continue to shift towards urban settlement areas. This trend is most pronounced in Dysart et al.

The county is anticipated to experience a moderation in seasonal housing conversions to permanent occupancy over

the forecast period.

Cook said his group hopes to have a final report for council in November.

Councillor Murray Fearrey, the mayor of Dysart, said it has become more expensive in the last two years in the cities. And economists have been predicting that an economic downturn is possible. He asked how the possible downturn might impact Cook's population forecasting.

Cook said he believes there will indeed be some difficult times in the next 18 months or so.

"I think we're going to see some pain as a result of the significant interest rates that we've seen over the last year," he said.

But the amount of stimulus and monetary adjustments have created a significant amount of "velocity of money" and a significant amount of volatility.

"It's really hard to try to project where these contractions and expansions are going to occur," Cook said. "But one theory I have is there's a good chance we're going to be looking at a period of instability and volatility over the next decade or so."



Look up! Look way up!

Valla Berry, 8, walks across the high ropes course at Kinark Outdoor Centre's Open House on Sept. 16. With over 70 people registering for the full day of high ropes, archery, boating, hikes, and outdoor games, Kinark staff were happy to have so many new faces checking out the facility. "We really wanted to open our space to the community, and showcase all the opportunities Kinark has to offer," said Elisha Weiss, program supervisor for the centre. /EMILY STONEHOUSE Staff



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County council dives into communal services

by EMILY STONEHOUSE
Editor

It's been a hot topic for a long time, and some of the wheels were set in motion for shared services at a special meeting of county council on Sept. 13.

Councillors were joined by the County of Frontenac representatives Joe Gallivan, the director of planning and economic development, and Kelly Pender, CAO.

The core of the presentation was on the usage of communal services, and the model that Frontenac uses in order to succeed. "It is easily transferable to other jurisdictions," said Gallivan as he jumped into the presentation, "these systems are like LEGO blocks."

Gallivan noted that the shared services model "is not rocket science," noting that it is entirely doable if there is support in place; not only from local government, but from civilians as well.

The County of Frontenac mirrors Haliburton County closely; with a series of historic villages and hamlets comprising the core. One slight difference outlined is that the majority of individual communities in Frontenac do not have access to community water and sewer services.

"We will never have municipal water and sewer in Frontenac," said Gallivan, "it's fiscally impossible for our four small municipalities to afford that kind of project."

Enter: a communal services model. "We've been working on this project for almost seven years," said Gallivan, "and it started with a simple statement that's in our county official plan, and that is 'lack of municipal services in our villages challenges future community viability.'"

Gallivan dove into the immediate advantages of communal water and sewer systems, including "significant advantages to the environment," bettering the planning processes,

and the development of "walkable communities".

The planning director presented a comparison of two hypothetical neighbourhoods; one with individual services, (the model that has always been done), and one with communal services. With the communal servicing option, the plan includes an array of housing options, such as an apartment and smaller houses for seniors, in comparison to the standard townhouses with individual services.

The plan also includes a green space, which would house the communal septic treatment plant, but could be used as passive open space as well.

For treatment purposes, Gallivan introduced a company called Newterra, who are based out of Brockville, and use sea-can-like blocks to process water and sewer. A single box can service up to 108 residential units.

"The water, the septic, whatever you want to call what comes out of the end of the pipe, is probably going to be better than the water quality of a standard septic system, and if it's going to be treated and put in a lake for example, it'll be a better quality than the lake itself," said Gallivan. It was noted that these boxes can be used all around the world, with one being installed at a resort in the Muskoka region recently.

Once Gallivan wrapped up the logistics of the communal services model in Frontenac, he handed the reins over to CAO Kelly Pender, who discussed the governance of the model. "We wanted to make sure we had consensus as to what the governance model looked like," he told the county councillors. "This wasn't a staff driven process... the four mayors were appointed to the steering committee, and we had three public members that we solicited from the general population of Frontenac County."

Pender shared that the services would remain 100 per cent publicly owned by participating municipalities, and management could be in-house, third party, or municipally contracted; similar to the current model used in local munici-

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— JOE GALLIVAN, DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, FRONTENAC

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palities. The difference is that the facilities are not staffed operations, so it would differ from a traditional water treatment plant.

"This has been an excellent presentation," said Warden Liz Danielsen as Pender wrapped up, "it offers us some really exciting food for thought and opportunities for how we can meet the challenges of housing here in Haliburton County, in particular in places like Highlands East and Algonquin Highlands, where we don't have any servicing at all."

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Blurring lines

THREE'S BEEN a box of garbage sitting at the corner of TD Bank in Minden on Water Street for weeks now.

Now I don't know exactly when it settled into its semi-permanent home. I noticed it for the first time during the late-August heatwave. And like many passersby, I have seen it, registered it, thought it was a problem, and then promptly forgot about it.

I carried on with my day. After all, the pile of garbage doesn't impact me. And why should I clean it up? It's not on my property, not within my realm of responsibility, so it's not my problem.

Or is it?

As I walked my dogs past the seemingly growing pile once again, I started to think about it a bit more. Maybe it's not about the garbage. The act of cleaning up. The onus of responsibility.

Maybe it's about the initiative to make the community better for more than just yourself.

This past week, county council received a report on communal services from Frontenac County. And while the nitty gritty details of how sharing services can plausibly roll out in a community was explored; the crux of the presentation was how buy-in and support from all partners is crucial to make the project work.

And so often, the questions of who does what and when and why and how land squarely on the contextual where. Does the road land in Minden or is it county property? That'll define who takes care of it. How much snow is removed, and when. Is the event held on private property or municipal land? That will change the capacity and requirements.

The where plays a big role in whose job it is to complete. Where the onus of responsibility lands.

And the concept of any form of "shared service" is revolutionary

for our neck of the woods. It quite literally pushes the boundaries for what has been done in the past; the way it has always been.

And I recognize that everyone working together in an attempt to alleviate workloads and better our community is a foreign concept. But just because it's something that hasn't been done before, perhaps it is time to explore it for what it is.

Because a community that works together; that blurs the boundaries of responsibility and works towards creating a safe, healthy, and holistic community - that's something worth exploring.

And sharing services isn't something that will be limited to municipal lines. As climate change continues to wreak havoc on the world we know, sharing services, time, energy, and interest will have to span far beyond the reaches of our little communities, and a shift in global perspective will become more and more crucial.

On a smaller scale, in my opinion, whatever we are doing now isn't working. In our four municipalities and one county organization, turnover rates are skyrocketing, staff retention is struggling, and burnout is a very real concern.

As humans, we weren't meant to stay in our corner. We weren't designed to stick to our lanes and add blinders to those around us who are hurting.

We were meant to work together. To combine our resources to make life easier; not only for ourselves, but the lives of others along the way.

So when we see that pile of garbage on the side of the road, maybe our first thought isn't about whose job it is to clean it up, or where the garbage is located in the grand scheme of things.

Maybe we just do it ourselves. To make the community a little bit better, for everyone.

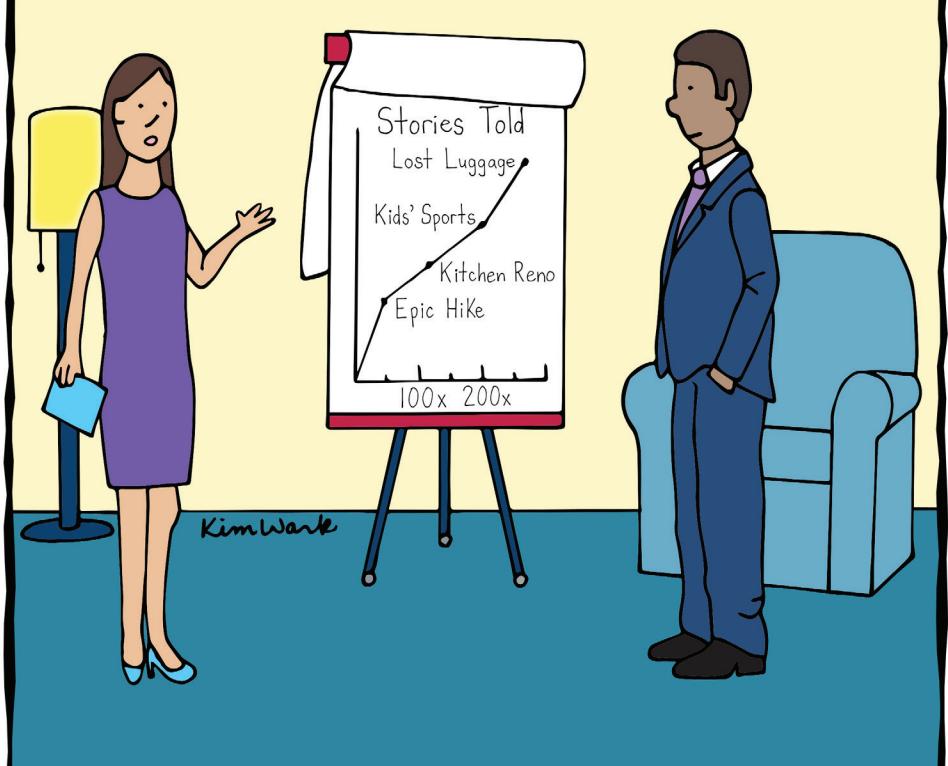


EMILY STONEHOUSE
Editor

IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

Kwarky



"Try not tell the same old stories tonight."

The old man and the see

IF YOU have ever watched someone older than 50 fish, you have probably noticed they often tie on larger flies or lures. Some younger people might think this is because these older anglers have caught thousands of small- to mid-sized fish and are now simply targeting the big ones.

At first blush it seems like a perfectly plausible explanation too. It's a great example of the "big meal for big fish" theory being put to practical use.

But this is also highly unlikely.

It's much more likely that the old angler just forgot their reading glasses at home - or in a long-forgotten fishing vest pocket. And when some of us are without our reading glasses we'd be lucky to thread a rope through a culvert - which is why big lures are our preferred choice at times like those.

This is nothing new, however.

Leaving your reading glasses at home has been a part of every fishing trip since time immemorial. If I'm not mistaken, there is even a passage in the Bible about it. Something about it being easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for an old guy who forgot his glasses to thread his fishing line through the eye of a small hook.

(Full disclosure: I'm not 100 per cent sure of that.)

Nevertheless, these days I can relate. In fact, I am now at the point where I deem a fly-fishing trip wholly successful if I can just thread my tippet through the eye of a small hook after six or seven

stabs at it. And, if I can do this, it is - no pun intended - blind luck in the truest sense of the words.

Just to be clear, it's not that I can't see the eye of the hook. It's that I can't see it while it is within arm's reach. That's because my eyes only come into perfect focus three inches beyond my fingertips.

I suppose one solution would be to hang from my arms for an hour or two prior to each fishing trip in order to stretch them in focal distance. But there is no scientific evidence to suggest that this sort of effort would prove useful - otherwise my optometrist would have a rack in his office. Even if there was, there's probably a limit as to how long a person's arms could be stretched.

Frankly, I think this visual issue is very likely what started the whole "take a kid fishing" craze. It makes perfect sense. Because if an old angler is smart enough to take a

kid fishing, they've got the world's best hook-eye threader in the world. Plus, if you can teach a kid a good knot or two, so much the better.

Of course, the simple solution to all this is to remember to take your reading glasses with you.

But I think we all know that the middle-aged person who remembers to take their reading glasses with them is only slightly less uncommon than a unicorn.

And, I don't know about you, but I don't know a single person who has ever seen either one of those creatures.

I suspect because they left their glasses at home.



STEVE GALEA
Beyond 35

IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

Time to say goodbye

THE TURNING leaves tell us about change; the need for it and the importance of making change at the right time.

Autumn leaves turn colour then drop to make room for a new generation that will continue the work of the trees they serve. They've done their best and accept that their work will be carried on by new growth.

Political leaders need to accept the same reasoning. They don't and very few resign when they should.

They don't for a variety of reasons, fearing loss of power, loss of money, and loss of relevance. Also, they don't resign when they should because they fear their leaving will be seen as an admission of having done wrong, or at least not doing everything they had promised to do.

Two that should resign now are Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and Ontario premier Doug Ford.

Trudeau has had his time - eight years leading the federal government - and a majority of Canadians no longer want him around. A poll by Nano Research shows that only 20 per cent of respondents believe he should lead his governing Liberal party into the next general election.

Another poll reports that just 27 per cent of Canadians think the country is headed in the right direction.

Trudeau became prime minister as a celebrity candidate and probably the least qualified person in the country's history to take on the role. He no doubt did the things he thought best, making some good decisions and some bad for the country and its citizens.

He now has family problems that need his attention more than the country does. An easy and honourable way out is to step up to a microphone and say supporting family is more important than politics.

Ontario Premier Doug Ford's approval rating has seen its largest dip since he took office five years ago. He currently ranks last in popularity among Canadian premiers. Recent polling shows his approval rating at 28 per cent, a drastic drop from 69 per cent in March 2020.

He now finds himself mired in a scandal that refuses to go away. His government's decision to remove 7,400 acres from the environmentally-protected Greenbelt zone surrounding the Greater Toronto area has resulted in heavy criticism. It forced the resignation of his housing minister who Ontario's ethics commission said broke ethics rules.

Ford has sloughed off criticism saying the land is needed for affordable housing. However, he has said repeatedly in the past that his government would not develop the protected lands.

There are alternatives to building housing on farmland, which the 2021 Census on Agriculture suggests Ontario is losing at a rate of 319 acres a day. It is difficult understand what Ford hopes to achieve by breaking his word on such a sensitive topic.

All this follows criticism of Ontario's handling of the Coronavirus pandemic, health care in general, care of seniors and reducing funds for education.

Trudeau and Ford need to be replaced by new types of leaders. Leaders who are committed to something bigger than themselves and gaining votes for their political parties.

Our political party system has become one of opposition instead of co-operation. We need new leaders who are less beholden to their parties and more tuned into the voices of the people and their needs.

The world is changing dramatically and facing the difficult issues of climate change, pandemics, growing authoritarianism and inequality. Today's leaders must have new approaches to the rapidly changing world and the ability to inspire diverse groups of people to work with them.

The world in which Trudeau and Ford were elected five to eight years ago now is a different place. There is a trend toward weakening democracies and access to information that have left general populations with less say.

There is no shame in stepping aside now and being replaced by people with new approaches and new visions. Leaders who seek solutions by listening to the common people who are the ones most affected by the changes we see now, and more change that is likely in the future.



JIM POLING SR.

From *Shaman's Rock*

letters to the editor

Flower power

To the Editor,

Kudos and thanks to the Minden Horticultural Society for offering to maintain the beautiful flower baskets in town, now that the municipal

summer students have left. Your efforts are appreciated by many!

**Mary & Bill Forbes,
Minden**

Orange Shirt Day in Minden

In recognition of Orange Shirt Day, join HCPL and the Minden Hills Cultural Centre for a free screening of *We Were Children*. The film will begin at 5pm in the Minden Hills Cultural Centre Welch Room on Thursday, Sept. 28. No registration required. Film provided courtesy of the NFB.

We Were Children depicts the experiences of two indigenous Canadian children who endured years of sexual, emotional and physical abuse at a church-run boarding school. Ages 16 plus

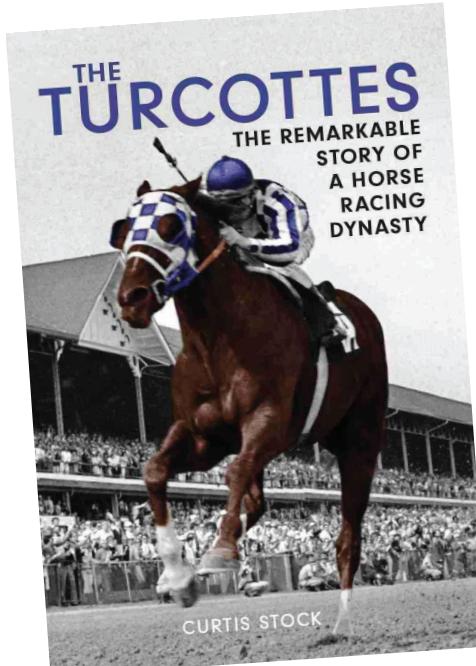
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Food Bank fundraiser

The Highland Trio will be performing at the Minden Legion on Saturday, Sept. 23 from 2 to 5 p.m. as a fundraiser for the Minden Food Bank. Admission is by cash donation for the Food Bank.

Submitted

HCPL's Book of the Week



Fifty years ago, Secretariat, a horse so brilliantly fast and powerful that many of his records still stand, completed his historic Triple Crown victory. His rider was Ron Turcotte, a master of his craft who grew up in the small lumberjack town of Drummond, New Brunswick.

Four other Turcottes followed their older brother onto North American race-tracks and into the winner's circle, collectively winning a staggering 8,251 races for purse earnings just shy of \$60 million. But the jockey's life takes a toll and the unlikely triumph of one of horse racing's greatest families was not without tragedy.

A true underdog story, *The Turcottes: The Remarkable Story of a Horse Racing Dynasty* by Curtis Stock is available to borrow from the Haliburton County Public Library.



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County gets into the finer points of STR bylaw's draft

by JAMES MATTHEWS
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Haliburton County's lower tier municipalities have requested changes to a draft bylaw to govern the short-term renting of properties.

The county has been looking at ways the local short-term rental (STR) market can be regulated for a little more than a year. Part of that process was looking at the mechanisms and legislation adopted by other jurisdictions.

Stephen Stone, the county's planning director, said during council's regular meeting Sept. 13 that his staff brought the draft bylaw to each of the county's four municipalities.

"We received input from our municipal colleagues, and they suggested a couple changes," he said. "Principally, they (the requested changes) deal with the use of sleeping cabins."

It was pointed out by some of the municipalities' planners that sleeping cabins would conflict with their respective zoning bylaws. As such, they suggested sleeping cabins not

be permitted for short-term rentals.

Another area that drew concern was the use of short-term rentals when it comes to additional residential units as is being considered.

"So we put clear language in the draft bylaw that would not allow for a short-term rental operator to use additional residential units for that use," Stone said. "Those units would remain as part of the long-term rental stock once they were built and occupied."

The next step is to return to each of the councils and present the edited draft bylaw with the proposed municipal accommodation tax to each. Stone said that could be done in October.

There's also verbiage in the draft bylaw that addresses floating accommodations. And that's something that's been an issue of contention across the county, said Warden Liz Danielsen, who is also the mayor of Algonquin Highlands.

Regarding sleeping cabins or bunkies, Danielsen said she understood that when you rented a property as a whole and children wanted to sleep in the bunkie, then that

And it should be made clearer in the draft bylaw that things like fire inspections incur the same fees as any other resident would pay.

"I don't want people to think that, because it's a municipal service, that you get it for free," Carter said.

"I definitely agree there should be consideration for an appeal fee," Danielsen said.

Stone said there's a \$300 appeal fee with the Shoreline Preservation Bylaw, and he suggested that be the benchmark for property owners wishing to appeal a decision regarding their STR.

He said Orillia has started licensing STR with a fee of \$2,000 to obtain a license.

"If you win the appeal, you should get your fee back," said Coun. Murray Fearrey, the mayor of Dysart.

"That would be up to the local councils to decide," Stone said.

Coun. Walt McKechnie, Dysart's deputy mayor, said he attended lake associations meeting through the summer and heard complaints from people who think regulating STRs is a cash-grab for municipalities and that it's contributing to bigger government.

"Nobody spoke up that they were for the short-term rental, but when I got home my phone was lit up," he said. "People telling me, Please, Walt, follow through with this ... short-term rental policy."

"We recognize that there are mixed feelings about the proposed bylaw," Danielsen said. "It's my opinion so far, I've also attended quite a few lake association meetings and, for the most part, they seem very supportive of us moving forward with it."

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— STEPHEN STONE, DIRECTOR OF PLANNING

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would be allowed.

Stone said planners have indicated that use of bunkies should not be the case.

Stone said his colleagues in the county's Department of Finance have been working on a request for proposals to draw potential third-party service providers that would implement STR permitting and monitor compliance.

Each of the lower tier municipalities offered input into the RFP.

"I don't think that we should put in the cost of the license, of the \$500, at this point," said Councillor Bob Carter, the mayor of Minden Hills. "We should leave that to be determined until we get that RFP back."

If a township had 100 STRs, that would be \$50,000 in fees they would get by way of licenses. But maybe it will cost more than that to run the program, he said.

Carter said there should also be something in the bylaw that pertains to an appeal fee to STR operators.

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Where: Haliburton County Farmers' Markets
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Annual General Meeting- Canadian Federation of University Women

When: Sept. 21, for members
Where: Contact for Details
A women's advocacy group, regardless of educational background, meets monthly to listen to guest speakers, as well as members becoming involved in various interest groups. Become a member where we await your presence at our monthly meetings. Contact Gail Gotter g_gotter@hotmail.com or visit www.CFUWh.ca.

Harvest Dinner

When: Sept. 23, 5:30 p.m.
Where: Stanhope Firefighters' Hall, 1095 North Shore Rd
Join the Haliburton County Historical Society for their annual pork roast dinner. Cost is \$30 per person. For tickets call 705-754-0427.

Karaoke Contest at the Drop Zone!

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Take the Leap at the Wellness Hub

by VIVIAN COLLINGS
Times Staff

A new Haliburton County resident is eager to dive into the wellness of the community with a new workshop series.

Kim Huard, certified professional Neuro-Linguistic Programming coach, has brought Take the Leap to the Wellness Hub in Haliburton, a series of group coaching sessions to help attendees overcome barriers of fear in their personal and professional lives to successfully navigate goals.

"Everyone has various aspirations and dreams, and yet sometimes we can be stopped by doubts," Huard said. "What's important to me about these four workshops is connecting with the community, and to offer coaching in a group setting so it's more accessible than one on one. It's also quite fun when people in the group have open similarities that we can discuss."

Huard was introduced to Wellness Hub owners Sarah Comer and Shay Hutchings during the Women in Business conference hosted by the Haliburton Highlands Chamber in June.

The NLP coach is originally from Montreal and recently moved to Algonquin Highlands six months ago.

"I studied communication and marketing and worked in a PR agency. I was very privileged to live in many markets in North America and in South Korea. I then worked for Quebec's equivalent to Destination Ontario," she said.

But Huard couldn't ignore her desire to



The Wellness Hub in Haliburton is now offering a coaching workshop series once a month led by Kim Huard. Huard is a neuro-linguistic programming coach.

/DANIELLE MEREDITH, Special to the Times

connect with others on a deeper level.

"I've always been into people development. When I meet people, I really like to know their story, where they're at in their life, their next projects, and so on, so right before the pandemic, I decided to go to India and do my yoga training class. It was important for me to understand yoga's philosophy

on the mind and body," Huard said.

In March, she took the Neuro-Linguistic Programming coaching program in Montreal.

"Neuro is our thoughts, so how we analyze any information we receive, and then linguistic is how our thoughts influence our language. So the way we communicate is basically the way we think, it's a representation

of our thoughts," Huard said.

After years in high-stress jobs, she became certified to be able to carry out her dream of wanting to help others fulfill theirs.

"I just felt like coaching was the perfect bridge between what I was really into and also the skills I had already developed over the years in my professional life," Huard said. "I kept thinking there were a lot of people that could have used this kind of coaching in my previous jobs. When you're stressed, you have a lot of deadlines, you're really in your head and struggle processings everything, just having someone else as a thinking partner helps so much."

The first of a series of four workshops at the Wellness Hub was called "Start with a clear outcome" and happened in August.

"It's important when you're setting a goal to know exactly what you want," Huard said.

The second workshop took place on Sept. 14 at the Hub.

"This one was about freeing our minds from doubt. We have this group of people and everyone shared their own story, and dove into what can hold us back, and then we worked on how to get past doubt," she said.

The third workshop will be on Oct. 12 and will focus on boosting confidence. The final workshop will take place on Nov. 9.

"This final one will be about embracing change and taking the leap," she said. "The series is a natural progression of clarifying goals, to understanding doubts, to allowing confidence to be more present."

Each workshop is 90 minutes long and \$40 per workshop. To register, email info@kim-huard.com.

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Huskies Down Rangers and Canadiens

by ALEX GALLACHER
Special to the Times

The Haliburton County Huskies concluded week two of the OJHL calendar by picking up a pair of wins against two divisional opponents.

New faces in familiar places

Following week one, GM Ryan Ramsay made two key signings ahead of week two. First off, Ramsay would sign former Flint Firebirds forward Ty Petrou to bolster the Huskies offense. Petrou, a native of Pickering, logged a total of 21 points in the OHL splitting time between the Firebirds and the Oshawa Generals.

The key signing saw the Huskies bring in Isaac Larmand from the Peterborough Petes U18 AAA. Larmand has 53 points in two seasons for the Petes AAA, tallying 18 goals and 35 assists. The Huskies will look to the 2006 born forward as a possible playmaker this season.

Finally, Ramsay traded Will Gourgouvelis and John McKinney to the Toronto Jr. Canadiens in exchange for Antonio Cerqua and Izayah Luddington. Cerqua had six points last season with the Collingwood Blues, before signing with JRC in the off-season. While Luddington had 25 points with the GOJHL's Thorold Blackhawks, he has only played a handful of OJHL matches before coming to the County.

Many of these players are younger members of the Huskies rosters, and the team will look to build their future with these additions.

Jolting up the JRC

Former assistant coach Jordan Bailey and



#30 Huskies goaltender Visan keeps his eye on the puck during the Sept. 16 game in Minden. /TIM YANO special to the Times

the JRC came to the Nesbitt on Saturday night to take on the hometown Huskies.

With the Huskies struggling in previous years to beat the JRC, this game was viewed as a must win affair. The Huskies got off to a dream start with Lucas Vacca and Lucas Stevenson giving the Huskies a two goal lead less than 25 seconds apart. Vacca tallied his first career OJHL goal and Stevenson his second of the year.

Before the period was up, Brenden Anderson got the JRC on the board at 16:24 on the powerplay.

The second period saw the high that

Huskies had been swiftly smashed as the Canadiens came out swinging. Chris Soares beat Vlad Visan less than two minutes into the period, while Even Malhassian gave the JRC their first lead of the game at 3:22.

The Huskies needed a goal, and they needed one now as time started to expire. They remained faithful and found their answer, his name was Ian Philips. Knocking in his first of the year at the 16:29 mark of the third, this game was head to OT.

Turns out, all the Huskies needed was roughly two and a half minutes to send the JRC home to Toronto. Declan Bowmaster

buried the second shot of the First OT period and just like that, the Huskies found themselves at 2-1 on the season.

Bowmaster was named first star with Visan going 23 for 26.

Routing the Rangers

Ain't no rest for the Huskies, as less than 24 hours later the team made the trek to the Herbert Carnegie Community Centre to take on the North York Rangers.

Riding the momentum of the home victory last night, the Huskies got to work in the first. While it took 14 minutes to break through, Bowmaster picked up right where he left off to break the dead lock and put the Huskies up by one.

Two minutes later and Lucas Marshall tallied Haliburton's second goal of the game, this time however a very rare short-handed tally as Aiden Yarde was in the box. North York's Cian Noble added their only goal of the game at 17:24, and the Huskies took a 2-1 lead to the locker room.

Marshall added a second goal in the second period, while Ian Philips netted his second goal of the 2023/24 campaign on the powerplay. Patrick Saini would finish off the wounded Rangers by scoring his third of the year, giving the Huskies a 5-1 dominating win.

Logan Kennedy went 29 for 30, while Rangers goalie Matteo Porporino made an astonishing 74 saves on 79 shots.

The Huskies are back on Thursday when they travel to Stouffville to take on the Spirit. They return to the Nesbitt on Saturday to take on the Aurora Tigers, before heading off to Buffalo the following for the OJHL Governors Showcase.

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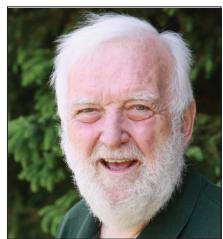


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IN ITS DAY, Metroland Media was a behemoth to be reckoned with in the world of community newspapers. With over 70 titles in its stable and the resources of the *Toronto Star* to ensure its viability, it was a conglomerate that dominated the newspaper industry in Ontario from 1980 to 2010. Not only did it dominate key weekly newspaper markets across southern Ontario, it owned many of the small and mid sized dailies in the same territory.

Metroland was the big boy on the block, a bully at times, that would resort to all sorts of tricks to maintain its control in a market. It would undercut advertising rates to squeeze out the competition and if that didn't work, simply buy them out and fold them into their title or close them down altogether after acquiring them. It was a cut-throat entrepreneurial operation, a shark swimming in a sea of single title owners who had a passion for the news and more importantly for their local community. It was always a reason for concern when Metroland moved into a community close to yours. Was your newspaper soon to be on the hit list?

The suits from Metroland came to visit me once when I was publisher of this newspaper. Though they never revealed it, I was sure they had a formula and they knew exactly what my publication was worth to their organization. When they put a number on the table, it was far less the amount I felt it was worth and declined the offer. They walked away, leaving me to wonder if they would return with the bulldozers to bully their way into the market and push me out.



JACK BREZINA
Point of View

They never returned. I assumed this publication was just too far outside their orbit for them to find it worthwhile to mount any sort of campaign to bully their way into the market.

Metroland tended to be run by bean counters, managers who cared about the bottom line first and foremost. Advertising to news content ratios were set at head office as were staffing numbers. Many of their publications had the same "look", so much so that one could identify a Metroland publication long before looking at the masthead to confirm it.

That said, there was still printer's ink running through the veins of the organization. Their publications always had a strong respect for editorial content. From my perspective the journalists were encouraged to deliver the news of their community and editors, for the most part, took strong stands on local issues that mattered to their readership. This editorial independence was rewarded at the annual community newspaper conference in the spring, where the Metroland titles would dominate in many of the editorial competitions.

This trip down memory lane came to mind last week when Metroland declared bankruptcy and closed all of its print editions within the community newspaper stable. Most were moved online where paper and ink do not exist. The move

didn't come as too much of a surprise, really, as advertising revenue, the financial underpinning of every newspaper, had been siphoned away by the ever-expanding internet. Even the flyer business which had provided a temporary life raft for some papers was getting thinner, leaving print publications with nowhere to turn to increase revenue.

As much as Metroland was a giant in the community newspaper business, whose bully tactics were feared and admired, I can't help but view the closure of so many weekly newspapers as a tragedy that leaves many communities without a voice and a mirror in which to see its reflection. I know it is part of the inevitable churn that is driven by increasing dominance of the internet, but the passing of an era is hard to accept. Hopefully, the online news sites will be as good as or better than the paper and ink publications they will replace.

Postscript: I have always believed that the Highlands is just beyond the reach of all this economic churn. It was true when Metroland came looking for titles to buy. And it is evident in the quality newspapers the community has supported in my time here. Well respected by businesses and readers, the three publications continue to provide strong reporting that is necessary to ensure their continued viability and an informed community.

importantly for their local community. It was always a reason for concern when Metroland moved into a community close to yours. Was your newspaper soon to be on the hit list?

The suits from Metroland came to visit me once when I was publisher of this newspaper. Though they never revealed it, I was sure they had a formula and they knew exactly what my publication was worth to their organization. When they put a number on the table, it was far less the amount I felt it was worth and declined the offer. They walked away, leaving me to wonder if they would return with the bulldozers to bully their way into the market and push me out.

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

Saturday, Sept. 30 marks the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation in Canada, a day which honours the lost children and survivors of residential schools, their families, and communities.

Please join us on Thursday, Sept. 28 at 10:30 a.m. for a Flag Raising at the Municipal Administration Office, located at 7 Milne Street, Minden. All members of the public are invited to attend the ceremony.

The Administration Office will be closed on Monday, Oct. 2 to recognize and observe the importance of honouring First Nations, Inuit and Métis survivors and their families and communities, and to ensure that public commemoration of their history and the legacy of residential schools remains a vital component of the reconciliation process.

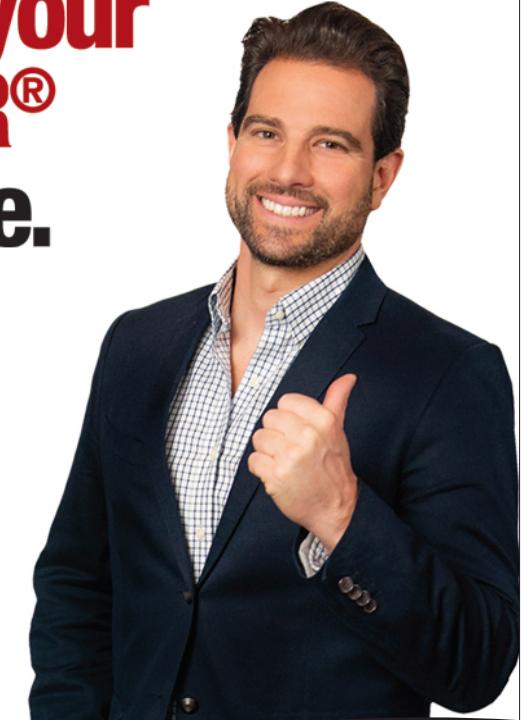
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Expanding the collection: AJ Gallery acquires new Lapine work

by EMILY STONEHOUSE
Editor

"It's like Christmas Day," said Agnes Jamieson Gallery staff Nadine Papp, as she carefully unraveled layers of meticulously placed bubble wrap from an original André Lapine painting that was donated to the Gallery in Minden on Sept. 6.

The Gallery holds the largest collection of Lapine paintings in the world, with well over 100 in their collection at this time. Originally opening in 1981, the core of the facility was to showcase Lapine's work. At the time, they were in possession of 41 original Lapine works that had been donated by Frank Welch. Over the years, the collection has grown to display a variety of Lapine works; many that had never been seen on display, including sketches of the downtown Minden core.

André Lapine was born in what is known as present-day Latvia in October of 1866. He trained across Europe in the late 1800s, before eventually emigrating to Canada in 1905 to stake out land in Manitoba with his newly-married wife, Columbienna Geertruida Britt. Lapine lasted two years in Manitoba before relocating to Toronto in 1907, where he began working with Fred Brigden at the Toronto Engraving Co.

Lapine stuck with art through the years, with his work appearing on the covers of the *Toronto Star* frequently. He was known for his bold strokes and apparent ease when it



Nadine Papp, who works at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre, unveils the new original pieces by André Lapine that were recently donated to the Agnes Jamieson Art Gallery in Minden. /EMILY STONEHOUSE staff

came to capturing landscape, and in particular, horses; a subject that had been challenging for artists to capture accurately. Lapine became a member of the Ontario Society of

Artists, the Graphic Arts Club, the Canadian Society of Painters in Water Colour, and the Royal Canadian Academy of Arts.

As he rose to fame in the arts world, his works were accepted at the Art Gallery of Ontario as well as the National Gallery of Canada.

Though at what seemed to be the height

of his artistic career, Lapine was struck by a moving vehicle in 1934. His injuries were very severe, and it was assumed that he would not survive.

Having some connections to the Minden region, Lapine and his wife relocated to the area in the early 1940s. It was here that his paintings seemed to truly come alive; with depictions of forests, lakes, trees, and snowy winters captured over the years.

There is a story shared in which Lapine would join Dr. Agnes Jamieson, a friend of his and the primary care provider for the Minden area, on her medical routes around the community. This was how he learned the ins and outs of Minden, and many of his sketches and paintings feature prominently known locations that are still identifiable today.

Lapine died in 1952, and is buried in the Minden Cemetery next to his wife. The Agnes Jamieson Gallery continues to pay tribute to the world-renowned artist by featuring his collection throughout the year.

The 12 paintings that were recently acquired came from a collector who passed away in the Waterloo region. The Gallery was contacted by her lawyer, saying that she had left all the original paintings to add to the collection upon her death.

With each painting capturing a significant local view, the paintings offer both similarities and differences from the current collection, and add to the variety of paintings the Gallery now carries.

The newest Lapine paintings are currently on display at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery, located at 176 Bobcaygeon Road in Minden.

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The fifth annual Hurtin in Haliburton Gravel Relay Race was held at Haliburton Forest on Friday, Sept. 15 and Saturday, Sept. 16. The eight hour race featured a 27 km loop through gravel roads with the opportunity to race solo or in a team of two. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff



PUBLIC NOTICE

PROPOSED ROGERS 91.5 METRE WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS GUYED TOWER INSTALLATION

PROPOSAL:

Rogers is proposing an antenna system at 1491 Boshkung Lake Rd., Algonquin Highlands, which consists of the following: a 91.5m guyed tower in a fenced compound, located towards the southern end of the property. Once completed the antenna system will measure 91.5m in height.

Rogers will host a Public Information & Comment Session via Zoom from 2pm-3pm on October 23rd, 2023. Please register for the virtual public meeting before 3pm on October 22nd by contacting Christian Lee.

Rogers invites you to provide by mail or email your comments, and/or request to be informed of the Township's position on the proposed antenna system before 5pm October 23rd, 2023.

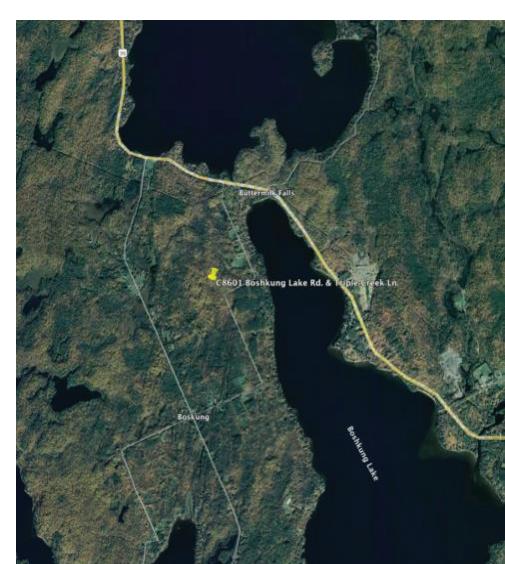
Rogers will respond to all reasonable and relevant concerns, and the Township will be taking into account comments from the public and Rogers' response to each when providing its position to the proponent and Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada.

Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada is responsible for the approval of this antenna system and requires that we review this proposal with the local municipality. After reviewing this proposal, the Township of Algonquin Highlands will provide its position to Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada and to Rogers.

Contact information:

Proposed Wireless Communications Installation
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Stanhope, Community Fall Colours Fly-in/Drive-in

Residents of Haliburton County and beyond are invited to Stanhope Municipal Airport on Saturday, September 30 for the Stanhope and Community Fall Colours Fly-in/Drive-in.

Organized by the Stanhope Municipal Airport Advisory Committee, this fun-filled family event will feature an array of classic automobiles and aircraft. A firetruck and ambulance will be on site for perusal, and the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry is scheduled to attend with a helicopter and fire equipment. Food from local restaurants will be available for purchase, and for a fee attendees will be able to take a flight to see the Haliburton Highlands fall colours from above.

"The Committee is really looking forward

to hosting our first fly-in in some time," says Algonquin Highlands Mayor Liz Danielsen. "We're all hoping to re-establish the airport as a hub and a place for successful regular community events going forward. We've tried to plan something for everyone and hope to see lots of folks come and check it out."

The event will be the first Township-hosted fly-in at the airport since prior to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The fly-in will take place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., with a rain date of October 1. Admission and parking are free. The airport is located at 1168 Stanhope Airport Road.

Submitted

A chipmunk tests the limits of his mouth while snacking in Algonquin Highlands. /TAMMY NASH special to the *Times*



PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills has received applications to consider by-laws to stop up, close, and convey those parcels of land more particularly described as follows:

- **File No. PLSRA2021047:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Little Boshkung Lake, lying in front 1035 Sage Drive located within Lot 12, Concession 13, Geographic Township of Minden
- **File No. PLSRA2022063:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Canning Lake, lying in front of 1126 Duggan Road located within Lot 17, Concession 1, Geographic Township of Minden
- **File No. PLSRA2023012:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Gull Lake, lying in front of 1032 Pacific Road located within Lot 22, Concession 6, Geographic Township of Lutterworth
- **File No. PLSRA2023013:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Gull Lake, lying in front of 1031 Hoffman Road located within Lot 22, Concession 6, Geographic Township of Lutterworth
- **File No. PLSRA2023017:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Gull Lake, lying in front of 1053 Buds Lane located within Lot 21, Concession 7, Geographic Township of Lutterworth
- **File No. PLSRA2023005:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Moore Lake, lying in front of 1244 Wessell Road located within Lot 22, Concession 5, Geographic Township of Lutterworth
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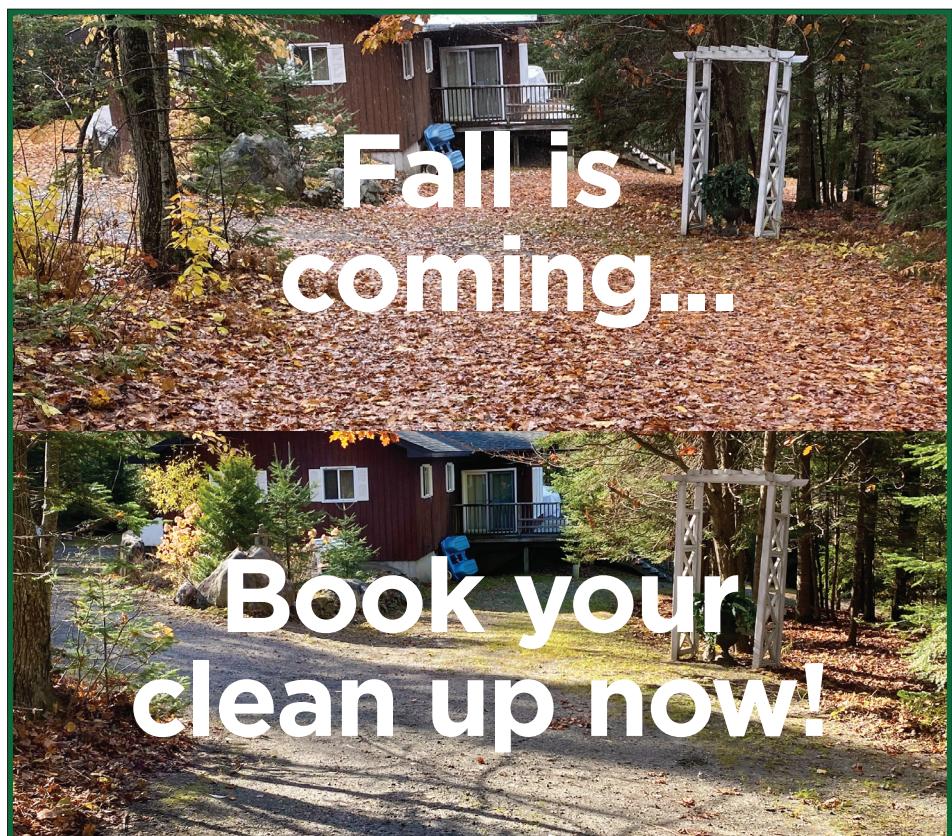
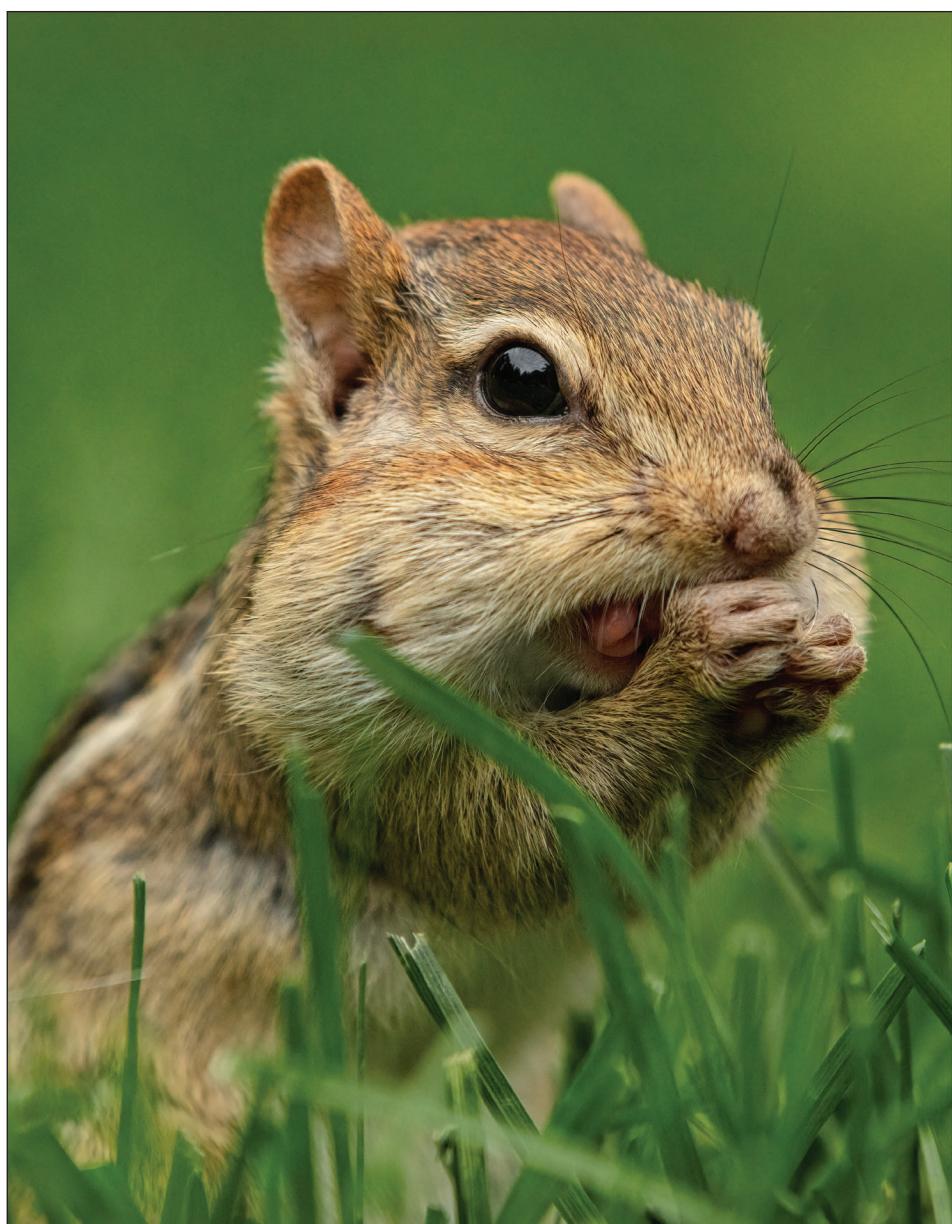
The above noted applications are available for inspection in the Building and Planning Department located at 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario by appointment only. Additional information may be obtained by contacting the undersigned.

AND TAKE NOTICE should you wish to provide comments with respect to any of the above referenced applications, please submit in writing those comments to the undersigned not later than October 19, 2023.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE any person who claims that their land will be prejudicially affected is asked to contact the undersigned at their earliest convenience.

AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE if deemed advisable, By-laws giving effect to the proposed closure and conveyance will be passed by the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills. Please note that a Council meeting to consider a By-law for the above referenced applications will be scheduled at a later date following the requisite commenting period.

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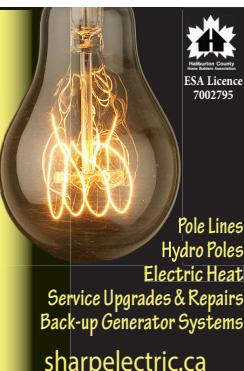
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Ctrl-ART-Del Theatre Company runs fall acting courses

Ctrl-ART-Del is offering a three-weekend-long Scene Study course this fall, and is including teens as well as adult performers.

The course is running for three weekends in Haliburton, ending with a public performance of scenes and the company's 2024 season announcement.

"When we started Ctrl-ART-Del, our original intention was to program for young and working age adults who had aged out of school programs," said Amy Leis, Ctrl-ART-Del's production manager. "Last year I volunteered to help with the Drama Club at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. I met many, very talented kids that are hungry for more theatre than they can get at school alone. They kept asking me if they could get involved with Ctrl-ART-Del. Who am I to say no to that?"

The whole point was always to get young people into the theatre. So, to better serve our community, we've decided to expand our focus. We are welcoming both teens and adults into our programs this year. We're really excited about it."

To help prepare teens to perform in mainstage productions with the company, artistic director Tim Nicholson wanted to start out with some solid basic training. That's why Ctrl-ART-Del is running a three-weekend long scene study course this fall. "What a lot of people don't realize is that acting is a skilled trade," said Nicholson. "Raw talent exists, but there are also technical skills that can and should be taught. Once you have those technical skills in your mental toolbox, you can apply them to any role you take on."

The upcoming Scene Study will break down these techniques, all through



hands-on work. Students will get a taste of working as an ensemble, be cast in a scene from a contemporary play, get individual rehearsal time with a professional director and finish off by performing their scene for an audience at the end of the course.

"The course is ideal both for peo-

ple who have never been onstage before but want to learn some of these technical skills, and for people who have been onstage in school or community theatre and want an idea of the skills needed to thrive in a post secondary theatre program or a professional rehearsal room," said Nicholson.

Screwtape (played by Amy Leis) holds up a bag of drugs while lecturing the angels during the last Ctrl-ART-Del show in April of this year. /ADAM FRISK special to the Times

"It's open to anyone age 14 and up." The course runs for two weekends at the Minden Lions Hall: Sept. 23, 24 and Sept. 30, Oct. 1, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. October 14 is a rehearsal day at the Lions Hall, with individual scenes called for an hour each between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. October 15 will be a full cast rehearsal day at the Haliburton Legion from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. A public performance of scenes will take place at 4 p.m. at the Haliburton Legion. All are welcome to attend the presentation.

Following the Oct. 15 performance, Ctrl-ART-Del will announce their 2024 Season of plays.

"No spoilers – you'll have to come to the Scene Study Performance to be the first to hear what we're up to this year," Leis said. "I will say in advance that all the pieces we're doing have roles for both teens and adults. We're also doing open auditions. Our big focus this season is on getting fresh blood onto the stage. If you've always wanted to be onstage in Haliburton, we want to meet you. The more new people, the better."

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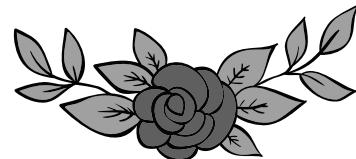


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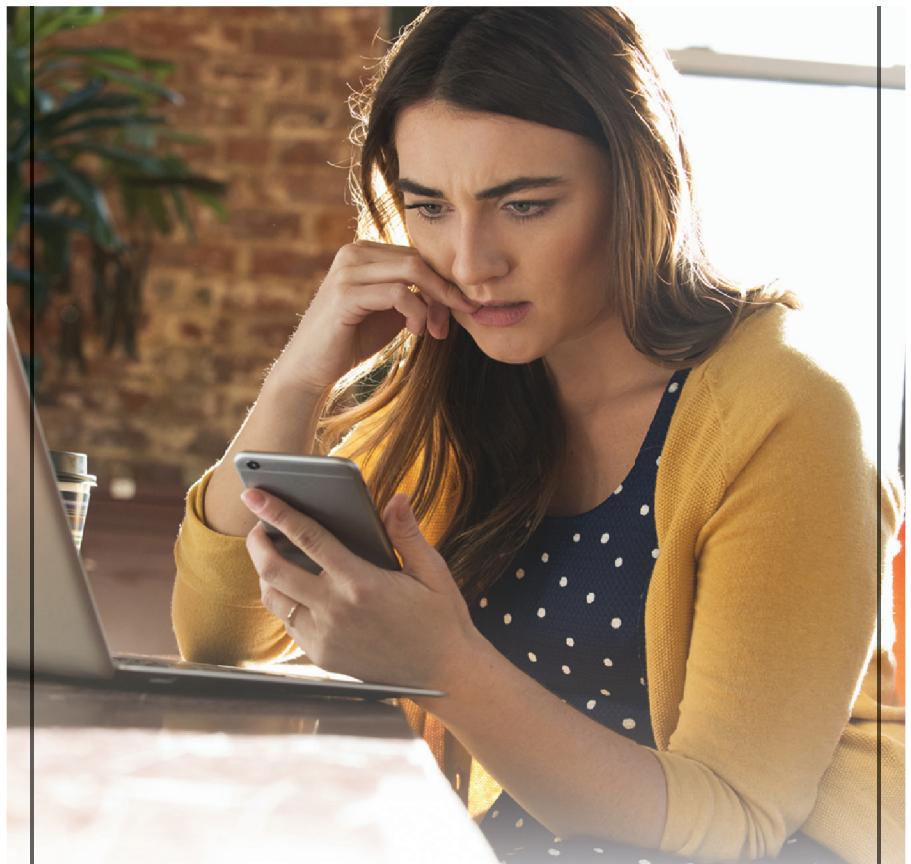
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New faces will be seen at Minden council table

There are bound to be some new faces around the Anson, Hindon and Minden Township Council table after the November election.

The fact was revealed this week in a poll of present members of the council. Two have indicated they do not intend to seek re-election and a third has yet to decide whether he will allow his name to stand again.

The two who are stepping down from the post of councillor are Stu Brandon and Len Lonsberry. Brandon told The Times earlier this week that business pressures and commitments in other areas made it difficult for him to continue on the council. Brandon is the president of the Minden Rotary Club and manages Northland Surplus, a store owned by his father.

Len Lonsberry has been forced to withdraw from council activities for health reasons. His doctors have advised him not to participate in the next election and he will be retiring from his position as manager of the local Brewer's Retail outlet as well. "It is a decision I regret," Lonsberry commented. "I enjoyed serving on the council."

Minden Reeve Sinclair Nesbitt has indicated his intention to seek election to the same position on the new council as has Deputy Reeve Doug Pritchard.

Councillor Lyle McKnight is the only member of council who has yet to declare his intentions. McKnight said he expected he would know within the week whether he would seek re-election to the

local council.

Only one individual, who is not a member of the council at this point, has indicated his intention of running in the municipal election. Leroy Lichty, the owner of The Brown Owl Restaurant and Gas Bar has said he will run for the position of councillor in the municipality.

Lichty told The Times that he was disturbed by some of the decisions the council had been making lately and wanted to become involved in the township business. He said there was a need in the community to create more jobs and suggested that land should be set aside for light industry. He said an industrial base would strengthen the economy of the region.

The two representatives from Anson, Hindon and

Minden on the county school board are Lloyd Johnson and Don Booth. Johnson said earlier this week that he had yet to decide whether he would allow his name to stand for the position of trustee. He said he expected to have his mind made up by early next week.

Booth said pressures of business and outside interests would probably force him to not take part in the November campaign. "It is very doubtful at this point whether I will be running," Booth said.

According to Township Clerk-Treasurer Elinor Burke no candidates have officially filed their papers with her office at press time, Tuesday. Candidates have until October 20 to present their nomination papers to the local clerks.

Lutterworth

The council team that came to power in Lutterworth Township two years ago will all be seeking re-election this November.

Reeve Ron Gambell, Deputy Reeve Glynne Lewis and Councillors Bill Valentine, Bill Prentice and Al Stott, have indicated they intend to run as a team.

All of the members of the present council stated they enjoyed working with each other and felt they had accomplished a great deal in the past two years.

So far no other candidate has indicated his or her intention in Lutterworth Township.

Mrs. Cheryl Murdoch, Lutterworth's representative on the Board of Education for the past two years has

indicated that she will be seeking to retain her seat on the board.

Stanhope

All members of Stanhope Township council, with the exception of one councillor, are seeking re-election this November.

Incumbent members of council announced their intentions last Thursday to Times columnist Alex Stevenson. The only member who has decided not to run again is newcomer Roger Woods.

Reeve Jim Harrison will be going after the same post once again, as will Deputy Reeve Elgin Stouffer. Councillor Elvin Johnson and Harry Davis are also seeking re-

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Champions! These ladies captured top honours in the Haliburton County Ladies Softball League this past season. The Minden Senior team defeated the squad from West Guilford to take the title. They are seen here during the awards banquet and dance Friday evening in Haliburton. Members of the team include, from the left, front row, Joan Paul, Marilyn Walker, Andrea Burk and Sherry Walker, second row, Lynn Oinchuk, Dianne Warnes, Nelda Cully and Barb Barnhart, third row, John Hewson, coach, Ann Hewson, Debbie Dart, Wayne Cully coach, Marlaine Wilson and Marg Fielding. Not present when the photograph was taken are team members Yolanda McCormick, Gwen Walker, Patti Lou Vasey, Lyn Winans and Helen Burk, the captain.

First phase of complex begins

The first phase of construction for the library/cultural centre complex was approved at the Wednesday evening meeting of Anson, Hindon and Minden Township council.

The council awarded the contract for the construction of two cement slabs to Big C Construction Company of Haliburton. The bid accepted by the council was \$26,100. Don Campbell Construction of Minden was the only other firm to submit a tender on the project.

Two cement pads are being built on the site on Bobcaygeon Road North. The larger slab will be a base for the library and cultural centre while the smaller one at the

back of the lot will be used for the present library, which will be moved to the site and maintained as a historical building and museum.

According to the terms laid down by the council, the work is to be completed by October 14. Workmen from the company were on the site the morning after the resolution was passed and work has been proceeding swiftly since then.

Councillor Len Lonsberry, who has been the municipality's representative on the library building committee signed the resolution accepting the tender. He commented, "It has been a long time coming. I am glad to see this day."

The council went ahead

with the slab construction and the proposal that the building could "float" on the wet soil in the area despite a report from soils engineers in Peterborough which indicated that further action should be taken before the building is erected there.

In a report to council, Site Investigation Services Limited suggested that if the council wanted to build the complex in that location it should follow one of three procedures to ensure a secure foundation. These included (a) excavating the organic sub soils, which they stated were not deep in the area, and replacing them with compacted clean gravel fill; (b) placing a heavy load of soil

on the site through the winter to compact the existing organic sub soil or (c) driving wooden piles down at least 30 feet.

The report also suggested the building be relocated on the site to the westerly or southerly location where the organic sub soil was not thick.

Reeve Sinclair Nesbitt said he was convinced the slab would work and indicated that other buildings in the community have been constructed on a floating pad.

The council agreed with this assessment and endorsed the resolution giving Big C Construction the green light to begin work on the long awaited complex.

The debenture issue will

run for a 30 year term with an interest rate of 9.025%.

Ratepayer group first meeting - 36 in attendance

It appears that a ratepayers group will be formed in the townships of Anson, Hindon and Minden.

An organizational meeting held September 23 drew 36 people according to organizer J.O. Jackson. "A number of others called to say they were interested but were unable to attend the meeting so it appears we have enough people to form a group," Jackson commented.

Among those attending the meeting Tuesday were three individuals representing area cottage and lake associations.

He reported that those attending discussed a number of issues of concern to area taxpayers including what Jackson describes as the disparity between the amount of taxes contributed to county purposes by ratepayers from this municipality in compar-

ison to other townships.

The only resolution passed by the group was that they would meet again in the near future to elect an executive and formally draft their aims and objectives. "I think the group should meet in early October, certainly before October 20", Jackson commented. Nominations for positions on area boards and councils in the upcoming municipal election close on that date.

Jackson suggested that the group might consider urging some of its members to seek municipal office or actively support those candidates who reflect the views of the association. The spokesman stated that he had been approached by a number of individuals about running in the election, but that he had not made up his mind.

Those attending the meeting also discussed the possibility of levying a \$1 membership fee to cover the costs involved in getting the organization operational. Those in attendance were also urged to bring a friend to the next meeting to help swell the membership.

Jackson noted that notices mailed out to Minden Post Office box holders were late in arriving at the post office. This resulted in a number of area residents not receiving their notice until the day after the meeting was held. "I apologize for that", Jackson commented. "In the future we'll attempt to provide lots of warning so people can plan to attend."

While a day for the next meeting has yet to be set, Jackson said this newspaper will be informed well in advance so that those residents interested in attending the meeting can plan to do so.

\$106,165 debenture approved

Minden Township Council has approved a by-law allowing for the borrowing of \$106,165. The by-law was approved at the September 24 meeting.

The money will be used to purchase the water reservoir and pipe leading down the side of the hill from the Ontario Government. The amount to be borrowed had been set at \$140,000, but \$35,000 had been "forgiven" by the province.

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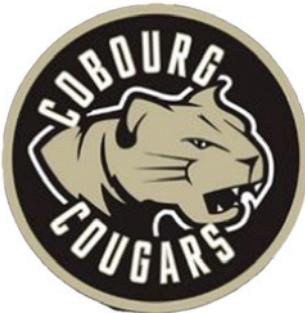
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